

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
February 13, 1923.

An adjourned, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, February 13, 1923, and was called to order by President Fitzhugh at 7:00 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh. Absent; Nash.

The minutes of the Regular meeting of February 6, 1923, were read and approved as read.

Trustee Nash came in during the reading of the minutes.

A communication from Henry Kopf, regarding the Cal. Carbon Co. was read, and the Clerk instructed to answer same after investigating the matter on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote.

Two letters from the City Clerk of Los Angeles, one pertaining to Constitutional Amendments and the other to Difficulties of Enforcing Justice in our Courts, were referred to the City Attorney for recommendations. Trustee Proctor making the motion, Trustee Nash seconding, and a majority vote.

The regular order of business was suspended in order to take up the matter of a siren for the Fire Department.

Trustee Stone stated that the committee recommended buying the siren from the factory direct, instead of buying from Mr. Barbee, as there was a factory guarantee on same for one year, and no guarantee in buying from Mr. Barbee who owned the machine personally that had been under discussion. Trustee Stone moved that a siren be purchased from the Sterling Co. Rochester, N.Y., at the price of \$295.00 f.o.b. Rochester, and on thirty days approval. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Stone moved that a base and projector for the Sterling siren be purchased at a cost of \$30.00 f.o.b. Rochester, N.Y. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The regular order of business was resumed.

Mr. Klusman appeared for a delegation from Carson Street, and asked if the grading contract on Carson Street included the grading for the sidewalks also? Mr. Beckwith asked if it would be too much trouble to read the contract. The City Attorney answered that the contract itself would not give the desired data and referred him to Ordinance No. 19, a copy of which was procured and given him to read.

Mr. Hannebrink brought up the matter of paving Andreo Street from Carson to 220th at least, stating that if a layer of Willite were put upon the street as is, it would make a good street for some time to come, especially if heavily loaded trucks were prohibited from using said street.

Trustee Stone moved that the matter of heavily loaded trucks being prohibited the use of residential streets be referred to the Ordinance committee. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The City Engineer doubted the efficacy of putting a layer of any description on Andreo Street, fearing the foundation was not substantial enough, as he had noticed that clay had been hauled in on the street, and that clay was a menace as a foundation, especially if wet. The matter was referred to the City Engineer for a report and estimate.

The Carson Street discussion was resumed at this point. It appeared from the specifications that Carson Street was to be graded for its entire width. The City Engineer took the floor and explained that there were water pipes and large valves along Carson Street which would have been left exposed if the grading had been pushed to the ultimate; that if it was his fault this grading had not been completed, and that he would undertake to have it completed at no expense to the property owners if they wished it done at the present time; that there was not more than 30 yards at the most to be moved and as the probability was that no sidewalk would be needed there for some time, and considered it the best policy to leave the water pipes covered.

It was also reported that water was standing in the street at some sections since recent rains, and the property owners understood that the street would be graded so as to drain.

On a question by Fire Chief Hannebrink, he was advised that fire plugs were being installed in Vista Highlands at the present time.

Trustee Stone moved that the Clerk request the Torrance Water Light & Power co. to install a fire plug at 210th and Cota Streets. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Leatherman asked concerning the status of paving on Anapola, about the restrictions of drilling for oil in his neighborhood, and about street lights that were very necessary?

The first question was answered by President Fitzhugh to the effect any agreements of the Dominguez Land Co. for paving were between the property owners and the Dominguez Land Co.; to the second, that restrictions could not be raised except by consent of the owners of property in Torrance; and Trustee Stone answered the third question by explaining that the Edison Co. would presently give the City a survey and submit a report including the cost of light improvements.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 112

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, that the Map of Tract No. 6223, this day presented to this Board, be, and the same is hereby, approved, and the streets and alleys thereon delineated and offered for dedication are hereby accepted.

Trustee Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 112 be adopted, and the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Nash introduced the question of Compensation insurance for City employees, and moved that a compensation policy, covering all employees of the City and of the active Fire Department, be applied for immediately. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
NOES; Trustees: None.

Trustee Proctor reported that Mrs. Torrance had called on him regarding the changes being made in the El Prado park, protesting vigorously against that certain place being used for a childrens' play ground; also advising that she would withdraw her tentative plans to build a hospital and library for the City of Torrance if the destruction of said park was persisted in; that she would allow the use of some of her personal real estate as a temporary childrens play ground. Trustee Proctor told Mrs. Torrance that nothing more would be done in the matter of a childrens play ground in El Prado.

Attorney Briney and Mr. Gadeky explained the matter from the point of view of the Chamber of Commerce, stating that a committee would meet Mrs. Torrance. The matter was left thus until such meeting.

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A bid was submitted by Mr. Farquar, through Trustee Proctor, to remove the excess soil from the park in El Prado for 70 cents per yard, or the whole job for \$700.00. No action was taken.

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Trustee Stone moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

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At 9:15 P.M. Trustee Stone moved that the meeting adjourn, and an informal discussion of the proposed zoning Ordinance be taken up. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Albert H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

James M. Fitzhugh
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.